

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A digital video disc device, comprising:

a flash memory in which key data associated with information on a digital video disc is recorded in advance in a prescribed address in an unused specific area; and means for ~~processing~~ accessing the information on said digital video disc using said key data read from said prescribed address in said flash memory; wherein random data is written in all of the unused area around an area where said key data is recorded in said specific area of said flash memory, and the key data ~~can~~ is configured to be modified by a key data writing equipment.

2. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein said key data is an encryption key for equipment for encrypting and recording the information on said digital video disc.
3. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 2, wherein said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from said digital video disc.
4. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from said digital video disc.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a flash memory, comprising the steps of:

writing said prescribed information in a prescribed address in an unused specific area having a prescribed size comparable to one access unit of said flash memory; and

writing random data ~~in an all of the unused area within said unused area adjacent to in said~~  
specific area, around an area where said prescribed information is written in said step of writing, wherein

the writing ~~can be~~ performed by a key data writing equipment.

6. (Original) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein said memory is mounted on equipment for a digital video disc, and said prescribed information is key data associated with information on a digital video disc.
7. (Original) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein said prescribed information is a password.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a flash memory, comprising:

means for writing said prescribed information in a prescribed address in an unused specific area having a prescribed size comparable to one access unit of said flash memory; and

means for writing random data in ~~an~~ all of the unused area within said unused area adjacent  
to in said specific area, around an area where said prescribed information is written  
in said step of writing, wherein  
the writing ~~can~~ is configured to be performed by a key data writing equipment.